THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Seven hundred and forty-one applications were received for the selection of Chief Social Education Organizers.

" (b) Six candidates were selected.

" (c) None of the selected candidates belonged to the Barber community."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த அதிகாரிகளைத் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பதில் பாரபட்சம் காட்டப்படுகிறது என்று புகார் வந்திருப்பதால், Public Service Commission மூலம் இவர்களைத் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is absolutely no basis for such a complaint. All these posts are on a temporary basis and the Government, therefore, do not think it necessary to refer it to the Public Service Commission."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, may I know what the qualifications prescribed for these Education Organizers are? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

First-Grade Women's College for Cannanore.

* 717 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 6th January 1954, from the Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, requesting the Government to open a First-Grade Women's College at Cannanore and to allot grants for the same in the Budget for 1954–55; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) In view of the existing facilities available for women in the colleges in Malabar district and the financial stringency, the request of the Association could not be complied with."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, if the Kerala Mahila Samaj and the Municipal High School Parents' Association collect a lakh of rupees, will the Government consider the question of granting permission to open a Women's College at Cannanore? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there is no question of the Government opening a new college. If a private organization opens a college, all possible assistance will be given to the college and the management."